

## WANTS REV. GILL RETURNED

## DECISION OF RHODE ISLAND AVENUE CHURCH.

## Coming Maryland Annual Methodist Protestant Conference Will Be Requested to Return Pastor.

The congregation of the Rhode Island Avenue Methodist Protestant Church wants Rev. J. M. Gill returned to that pastorate for another year. This decision was reached at a congregational meeting held recently, and the delegate of the church to the Maryland annual conference of the Methodist Protestant church, which meets shortly, was instructed to request that body to again send Rev. Mr. Gill to the church. This makes the ninth consecutive time this congregation has unanimously requested the return of the pastor, and it is declared shows the great popularity the minister enjoys among the members of the church.

Thomas J. Wilson was chosen as the



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delegate of the church to the conference, and will present the request of the congregation that Rev. Mr. Gill be returned to the pastorate for another year. Julian J. Dodge was chosen as alternate.

The good work which has been accomplished by Rev. Mr. Gill in the upbuilding of the Rhode Island Avenue Methodist Protestant church is recognized in religious circles throughout the Capital city, and many are of the opinion that the congregation is looking forward to even greater advances in the work in asking the conference to again return him to the church.

**Pastor Coming Here.**  
Rev. Charles C. Ware, pastor of the Winchester Avenue Christian Church of Martinsburg, W. Va., will become pastor of the Thirty-fourth Street Christian Church at Mount Rainier, April 1.

The call to the local pastorate was received several weeks ago by the West Virginia church, and after considering it, announced Monday he will come to Washington. His resignation will take effect the latter part of this month and he will immediately locate in this city.

Rev. Mr. Ware has been pastor of the Martinsburg church for the past two years and has been very successful. The church at Mount Rainier was organized in 1904.

**"Egypt, the Land of Mystery."**  
Rev. Dr. George Bailey lectured at the Western Presbyterian Church last night upon "Egypt, the Land of Mystery."

The lecture was the beginning of the second series of lectures on the people of the Orient.

**Change in Title of Ordination.**  
An important change has been made, according to a notice from Rome, in the title of ordination for Catholic clerics in the United States. Applicants for the priesthood will no longer be pledged by oath to missionary service within prescribed limits, even though they may have changed their status from the secular to the religious profession. This is one of the first effects of the changed status of the American clergy as a result of the transfer from the jurisdiction of the propandea to the general disciplinary tribunals of the Roman Curia.

The change directly affects the title of ordination under which candidates for the priesthood are to be promoted to the subdiaconate. This title is no longer the "titulus missionis" (title of mission), but the "titulus servitii ecclesiae" (title of service in the church).

Most priests in the United States have been ordained under the former title, and following ordinations will exempt candidates from the obligation of being assigned to mission duty.

The announcement of the important change was recently made in the Ecclesiastical Review, a Catholic publication, which contains the printed letter addressed by the secretary of state, Cardinal Merry del Val, to the apostolic delegate, Mgr. Diomedeo Falconio.

## New Officers Elected.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Northminster Presbyterian Church has elected the following officers: President, Miss Sue Murphy; vice president, Lawrence Wilson; recording secretary, Miss Schmidt; treasurer, Mr. Patterson. The Northminster Endeavorers believe in an entire change of officers each year. Much enthusiasm was aroused when competitors were solicited for the races to be held by the society. Five were subscribed to the Builders' Union.

## Joint Revival Services.

Joint revival services will be held in the First and Sixth Presbyterian churches, beginning March 21. Rev. Dr. Donald C. MacLeod, pastor of the First church, will preach in the Sixth church each evening for two weeks following the opening service, and Rev. Dr. Spooner, pastor of the Sixth church, will conduct a religious campaign in the First church, which contains the printed letter addressed by the secretary of state, Cardinal Merry del Val, to the apostolic delegate, Mgr. Diomedeo Falconio.

**Dr. Bailey to Hold Services.**  
Rev. Dr. George Bailey, pastor of the Western Presbyterian Church, will hold a two weeks' revival service in that church, beginning March 28 and closing before Easter Sunday.

**C. W. Fitton Goes to Oklahoma.**  
Charles W. Fitton, Jr., for the past seven years one of the prominent work-

ers in Gorsuch M. E. Church, will leave today for Oklahoma City, Okla., to recuperate his health.

In leaving he vacates several positions, among them membership on the official board, and quarterly conference, assistant superintendent of the Sunday school, choir leader and chorister, and treasurer of the Epworth League. Last Sunday morning the Sunday school bade him goodbye. W. L. Hunt, superintendent, delivered a farewell address.

Monday evening a farewell reception was given by the societies of the church and a purse was presented to Mr. Fitton. Addresses were made by Rev. W. L. Hunt, pastor; W. R. Hunt, R. Morley and H. H. Philman. A solo was sung by Mrs. W. L. Hunt. Miss Lillie Winter played the violin and Miss Beulah Winter the piano.

## Fourth Quarterly Conference.

At the fourth quarterly conference held at Eldbrooke Methodist Episcopal Church, Tenleytown, D. C., Thursday evening, March 11, 1909, resolutions commending their work and asking for the return of Rev. Allen F. Poore as pastor of the church and of Dr. J. W. R. Sumwalt as district superintendent were unanimously adopted. The church treasurer's report showed that nearly \$1,000 had passed through his office during the year; that moneys in hand were sufficient to complete the payment to the pastor of his salary in full, and that the moneys received but not yet disbursed were sufficient to liquidate all outstanding bills.

Besides this, by March 31 there will have been paid a sum of \$550 on the \$750 church debt, leaving a balance on this account of only \$200 yet to be paid, which sum except for a matter of \$50 is covered by subscriptions payable on or before April 30.

This \$200 is expected to be in hand in time for a great celebration to be held about the middle of May, when the church mortgage will be burned at a centennial celebration of the founding of the church.

The conference collections this year are as large as ever, some a bit larger; a stone walk has been laid from the care to the church; a class of thirteen has just been admitted, others have been admitted during the year and last class night awaiting admission into full membership in the church; the Ladies Aid Society report showed more than \$50 in the treasury. The Epworth League showed a bal-

ance of over \$30 in the treasury and the Sunday school reported all bills paid and a balance on hand.

Rev. Poore will carry to the conference which convenes in Baltimore March 29 a good account of his stewardship, and many were the expressions of congratulation to the same salary paid this year.

Rev. Merritt Earl and members of his official board from Concord Church, Maryland, were present for the last time as members of Eldbrooke quarterly conference. Next year they will form a conference of their own.

## Concert by Choir.

The choir of the First M. E. Church, 4th street southeast between E and G streets, under the direction of J. G. Klein, will give a concert Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock in the church choir loft. The choir will be assisted by Miss Beulah Laxon and Miss Christine Church, sopranos; Miss Ellice Mayfield, mezzo; Herman Hoffman, violinist; Roland Rodrick, baritone; Joseph F. Mathieu, tenor; B. Allen Terrill, tenor, and J. P. Redeker, bass. Mrs. J. G. Klein will be the accompanist.

## Lectures at New Church.

Rev. Dr. Frank Sewall, pastor of the New Church, 16th and Corcoran streets northwest, announces a series of three Sunday evening addresses at that church by Rev. Dr. Smyth of New York. The first lecture will be given tomorrow evening upon "The Immanuel Movement."

The subject for March 21 is "Christ's Healing Ministry; and His Commission to Heal the Sick and Cast Out Devils." The final lecture March 28 will be upon "Suggestion and Subconscious Forces in the Healing of Sick Minds."

The address tomorrow evening will deal with Dr. Worcester's claim that the church has weakened the Christian religion, retaining with some degree of faith Christ's message to the world, but rejecting with unbelief His ministry to the body.

## Boys' Easter Nativity Choir.

Rev. Enoch M. Thompson formally admitted twelve boys to the choir of the new Chapel of the Nativity, at Massachusetts avenue and A street southeast last Sunday evening. The vestments had been made by members of the choir and congregation, and now men, women and boy singers are fully equipped. The choir cross was presented to the chapel by one

of the members of the choir in memory of his mother, and hymnals were presented to the choristers by W. E. Trotter when they made the promise of conformity to the rules of the choir. The boys have been training under Mr. Trotter for the past two months. The choristers' names follow: Barton Greenwood, Herbert Green-

wood, Louis Hale, Maynard Harrison, Wilbur Hildebrand, Guy Mangum, Currie Paul, Charles Paul, Douglas Powell, George Shaffer, Reginald Cheriff, Harry Vanderlip and Harry Paulus. The adult choir, to which the boys were admitted,

has been trained by S. P. Minnick. The Chapter of Praise, which sings at weekday Lenten services, consists wholly of girls, and is under the direction of Miss Alice Ford. The preacher Sunday evening was Rev. A. S. Johns.

## Will Occupy Dr. Muir's Pulpit.

Rev. Dr. L. W. Cronkite of Burmah, India, will deliver an address in the Temple Baptist Church, 10th and N streets northwest, tomorrow evening upon that country. The minister, who has spent a number of years in the Orient, is said to be a forceful speaker, and a large attendance will doubtless hear him.

## "Toward the Heights."

Rev. Dr. Charles F. Winbiger, formerly pastor of the First Baptist Church, will occupy the pulpit of the Church of Our Father, 13th and I streets northwest, tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. Dr. Winbiger will speak on "The Larger Outlook of the Emanuel Movement." Dr. Winbiger's special topic will be "Toward the Heights."

## Will Address Atlantic City Y.M.C.A.

Rev. Dr. George Bailey will deliver an address in the new Y.M.C.A. building at Atlantic City, April 18. The building, which was recently dedicated, is regarded as a model of its kind. John Wamman, formerly Postmaster General, contributed largely to the erection.

## Federal Council of Churches.

The Federal Council of the Churches has just completed its organization at a meeting held in Philadelphia, and for the first time in the religious history of America the principal Protestant denominations of the country are banded together for service. Thirty-three denominations in all are included in the new organization. Bishop Hendrix of the Southern Methodist Church is president of the council, and will hold office until his successor is elected in 1912. The immediate work which lies before the council is the promotion of the spirit of co-operation and comity among the churches.

## GUILD RAISING \$6,000

## DEBT ON LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH TO BE PAID.

## Amount by Easter.

The Pastor's Guild of the Luther Memorial Church, which was established several months ago, is working hard to raise \$6,000 by Easter Sunday in order to liquidate the church debt, which amounts to \$8,000. If the \$6,000 is raised a contributor to the church has promised to give the remaining \$2,000.

The two conditions for membership in the guild prescribe loyalty to the pastor and helpfulness in Christian service. In a circular issued to the church members Dr. J. G. Butler, the pastor, commends the guild for its purpose of liquidating the debt on the church some years ago when more than \$50,000 has been spent in re-

storing and improving the church and that \$8,000 must be raised to liquidate the debt. "God's house," he says, should not be mortgaged. "God has enriched you, be rich toward God."

## Christian Endeavor Hour.

For Sunday, March 14, 1909. Topic: "What Are Our Liquor Laws and How Are They Enforced?" Deut. 18:1-9.

"Law does not create virtue; but law does assist virtue. It removes obstacles from virtue's pathway," says one writer on this subject.

The trouble with Christian temperance people is that they often do not know what the liquor laws are, nor how they may help to enforce them. A great reformer along these lines says:

"It should be known that every citizen has a law book at hand for his use, if he but knew it. In the nearest police station, another in the nearest court-house, another in the mayor's office, and yet others in the offices of public prosecutors, sheriffs and other officers, all the best methods of reform is to publish in the press and pulp the substance of the laws and penalties relating to intemperance, gambling, impurity and Sabbath breaking. Such a publication does not create a sensation, so little do clergymen know of their own laws. When you turn over a stone, how the bugs run! Law-breakers are similarly affected when the light is turned on them. The wicked feel when no man pursueth, but as Dr. Parkhurst says, 'they make better time when some one is after them.'"

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